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SUMMARY: THE GREEK CYPRIOT PUBLIC AND MEDIA REMAIN WARY AND SUS-
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PICIOUS OF ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON CYPRUS. ARMS ASSISTANCE FOR
TURKEY IS FOCAL POINT OF THEIR CONCERN. ALL NEWSPAPERS EXCEPT
COMMUNIST HARAVGHI AND LYSSARIDES' TA NEA ARE CAREFUL TO AVOID
PERSONAL CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER. END SUMMARY.

1. THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS THIS WEEK HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE
FORTUNES OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IN CONGRESSIONAL

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COMMITTEES. PAPERS OF ALL POLITICAL ALLEGIANCES WERE UNITED IN TREATING ANY INCREASE OF AID TO TURKEY AS A THREAT TO CYPRUS AND AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO "TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE."
ALTHOUGH THE ENTIRE PRESS WAS CONCERNED THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY AID FOR TURKEY MIGHT SIGNAL AN ABANDONMENT OF CARTER CAMPAIGN PLEDGES AND RETURN TO WHAT IS PROTRAYED AND DENOUNCED HERE AS THE PRO-TURKISH POLICY OF FORD-KISSENGER, MOST NEWS-PAPERS AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER.
THE EXCEPTION WAS THE PRO-LYSSARIDES DAILY TA NEA WHICH MAY 3 ACCUSED THE PRESIDENT OF SEALING CYPRIOT INTELLI-GENCE SHORT IF HE THOUGHT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD NOT SEE THROUGH HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON ONE HAND AND HIS "SUPPORT FOR TURKEY" ON THE OTHER.

2. TYPICAL THESIS HAS BEEN THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT RECEIVING AN ACCURATE PICTURE, IS BEING MISLED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND INFLUENCED BY "KISSENGER-FORD REMMANTS."

3. A MAJOR THEME IN NEWS COVERAGE AS WELL AS EDITORIALS WAS THE EFFORT OF GREEK-AMERICANS TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND FINAL OUT-COME OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON ARMS TO TURKEY.
COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP IACOVOS (REF B) CONTAINED MUCH OF THIS FLAVOR BUT THEME REACHED ITS CLIMAX IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE BRADEMAS WHICH WAS HEAD-LINED IN PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI MAY 4. CONGRESSMAN WAS
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QUOTED AS SAYING "WE ARE TRYING TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO PREVENT LIFTING THE EMBARGO" AND ASSURING PAPER'S READERS CONGRESS WILL MAINTAIN EMBARGO UNTIL TURKDY MAKES TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS.

4. APOGEVMATINI'S PROMINENT STORY ABOUT LETTER TO ARCH-BISHOP MAKARIOS FROM CLARK CLIFFORD (REF A) WAS NOT DEVELOPED FURTHER DURING THE WEEK, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL PAPERS MAY 6 REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR RECENTLY DELIVERED A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER TO DENKTASH FROM SECRETARY CLIFFORD.

5. AT END OF WEEK SPOTLIGHT SHIFTED TO LONDON. SPECU-LATIVE NEWS STORIES DISCUSSED MEETING PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY WILL BE HAVING WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS.
PRO-SAMPSON MAKHI EDITORIALIZED THAT PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH DEMIREL WOULD BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS TO TURKS THAT THEY CAN EXPECT NO MORE MILITARY AID FROM U.S. UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY RECONSIDER THEIR

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INTRANSIGENT POSITION ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. SIMERINI CAUTIONED READERS NO TURKISH COMMITMENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM MEETING IN VIEW FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, BUT WIN OR LOSE DEMIREL WILL BE AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN FORMULATION OF TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO MEET WITH HIM AS WELL AS KARAMANLIS. ONE NEWSPAPER, AGHON, REPORTED THAT SECRETARY CLIFFORD IS ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ON LONDON VISIT AND SPECULATED THAT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL DRAFT U.S. FORMULA TO SOLVE GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS AFTER SITTING IN ON LONDON MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS.
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